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GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE MID-TERM
REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
UNITED NATIONS NEW AGENDA FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICA IN THE 1990s
Organizational session
New York, 20 and 21 June 1996

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Election of the Bureau

In paragraph 5 of its resolution 50/160 of 22 December 1995, the General Assembly decided that the Bureau of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole should be constituted at the highest appropriate level and composed of a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur.

Organization of work

Working groups

To conduct the mid-term review of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s as requested in resolution 50/160, the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole should establish the following working groups:

(a) Working Group I on the assessment of national efforts based on relevant inputs from African countries;

(b) Working Group II on the response of the international community, including the United Nations system and the necessary measures to accelerate and improve the implementation of the New Agenda.

Documentation

For the conduct of the mid-term review, the following documents will be submitted and circulated by 1 August 1996:

(a) A report by the Secretary-General, which will serve as the basic document for the mid-term review. The report will include, in particular, the findings by the Economic Commission for Africa on actions and progress achieved by African countries in the implementation of the New Agenda (see resolution 50/160, para. 7). It will also include relevant inputs from Governments, organizations of the United Nations system, other intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations on their efforts towards the implementation of the New Agenda;

(b) An assessment and recommendations by the Organization of African Unity on the implementation of the New Agenda (see para. 46 of the New Agenda).

In addition to the above, the following background/information documents will be made available to the Ad Hoc Committee:

(a) "Partners in progress: Africa and the international community - Assessment of the implementation of the principles of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s and the Tokyo Declaration on African Development";

(b) Outcome of the Seminar on the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, to be held in Tokyo on 27 and 28 August 1996;

(c) Report on the emerging role of non-governmental organizations in African sustainable development;

(d) Report on resource requirements for the full implementation of the New Agenda.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

According to paragraphs 21 and 41 of the New Agenda and paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 50/160, non-governmental organizations are partners in the implementation of the New Agenda. The organizational session will have to clarify their form of participation in the mid-term review.

Dates

According to General Assembly resolution 50/160, the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole should meet for a period of up to seven working days in September 1996 and, in principle, prior to the fifty-first session of the General Assembly.